

10. (Currently amended) The dispensing device according to claim 8, wherein said discrimination means performs said discrimination by comparing said detected ~~drive~~ current with a pre-stored ~~drive~~ current to be employed upon a normal drive.

Claims 11-17. Cancelled.

18. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as in ~~claims 1 or~~ claim 2, further comprising recovery means for recovering the discharge mechanism which resulted in a defective discharge to a normal state.

19. (Currently amended) The dispensing device according to claim 18, wherein said recovery means is suction means of a solution containing a biological sample.

20. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as in ~~claims 1 or~~ claim 2, wherein said biological sample is protein.

21. (Currently amended) A dispensing device as in ~~claims 1 or~~ claim²₁, wherein said biological sample is nucleic acid.

22. (Currently amended) A method of detecting a defective discharge of a solution containing a biological sample in a discharge mechanism for adjusting the

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